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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

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April 21, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL CONCURRENCE -PNO-IMI 80-26

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Facility: Metropolitan Edison Company  
Three Mile Island, Unit 1 & Unit 2  
Middletown, Pennsylvania  
Docket Number 50-289 & 50-370

Subject: FIRE AT TMI OBSERVATION CENTER

At approximately 2:30 a.m., on April 21, 1980, a fire broke out at a trailer next to the TMI observation center (offsite). The trailer contained licensee Communications Services (Public Affairs) Department equipment and facilities. The trailer and its contents were destroyed by the fire. The observation center appears unaffected. The cause of the fire is under investigation by a local fire marshal.

The licensee is responding to media interest. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was informed. A press release is not planned by the NRC.

The NRC/IMI Program Office was notified at 3:00 a.m., on April 21, 1980, by the licensee.

This preliminary notification is issued for information only and the information is current as of 8:00 a.m.

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